REMARKS

With entry of the foregoing amendments, claims 1-15 and 21-37 are now pending in this application. Claims 16-20 and 38-54 have been cancelled without prejudice in view of the restriction requirement.

In response to the restriction requirement, applicants hereby elected the Group I claims for prosecution at this time (i.e., Claims 1-15 and 21-37). Applicant has deleted the non-elected claims and reserves its right to file divisional applications thereon.

Favorable consideration of the application is requested.

Respectfully submitted,

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